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March 16, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#44 MARCH 16, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU  
SEPULVEDA FEEDER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT  
PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES TO THE WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT AND METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve payment of fees and charges relating to the Sepulveda Feeder Interconnection Project to the Metropolitan Water District and the West Basin Municipal Water District.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU:**

Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve payment of fees and charges of up to \$690,000 to the West Basin Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District for the Sepulveda Feeder Interconnection Project. The Sepulveda Feeder Interconnection Project is a new interconnection with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's system to supply water to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, through the West Basin Municipal Water District.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve payment of fees and charges to the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) for engineering-related special services associated with the design and construction of the Sepulveda Feeder Interconnection Project, which will provide a new water supply connection for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu (District). The new interconnection will improve water supply reliability for the District's customers and the efficiency of the water system's operation.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The project supports these goals by providing enhanced reliability of supply and delivery of water service to customers that will improve their quality of life.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the project's fees and charges is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Waterworks District No. 29, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33). The fees and charges may total \$690,000 for all services and related items provided by West Basin and MWD for the project.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The District, formed pursuant to Division 16 of the California Water Code, has the legal authority to "acquire, construct, and maintain" any works or facilities to establish or maintain any available water sources per Section 55335 of the California Water Code.

Section 20615(b) of the Public Contract Code provides authority for the District to contract for special services pursuant to Section 31000 of the Government Code, which provides that your Board may contract, among other things, for special services on behalf of the District in engineering matters. In this case, West Basin and MWD require payment for services being provided by specially trained and expert personnel, competent to perform special services needed to complete the project. Additionally, Section 20897 of the California Public Contract Code authorizes your Board to contract with another public agency or public utility to provide for the installation, furnishing of maintenance, or service for any improvements.

As a condition of allowing the project, West Basin and MWD require the District to pay for certain engineering-related special services to ascertain and insure that the project meets West Basin and MWD standards, specifications, and criteria.

The project consists of constructing 1,000 feet of 30-inch, high-pressure water main and appurtenant valves, meters, and vaults. The water main and appurtenances are needed to provide a new point of interconnection between the District and West Basin and MWD's water systems, needed to stabilize and increase the pressure to the District's main feeder that delivers water to its customers. The new interconnection will enhance the reliability and delivery of water service to customers and improve the quality of life for the District's customers.

On November 16, 2004, your Board authorized Public Works to apply for loans from the California

Department of Public Health (CDPH) for funds appropriated under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for the purpose of financing water system infrastructure projects on behalf of the District.

On September 20, 2007, the CDPH issued a Notice of Acceptance of Application to the District committing \$5,350,000 from the SRF for the project.

On October 21, 2008, your Board authorized Public Works to sign the Safe Drinking Water SRF Agreement for a loan of \$5,350,000 for the purpose of financing the project.

Adopting the enclosed resolution is required to delegate approval for payment of fees and charges by West Basin and MWD. The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code. Public Works filed a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the project on July 21, 2005. No challenges have been filed based on said notice.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the resolution will enable the District to construct water system facilities to enhance the reliability of water service to its customers.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and one signed original of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER  
Director

GF:AA:dvt

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HER DESIGNEE TO APPROVE  
PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE SEPULVEDA FEEDER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, (hereinafter referred to as District 29) provides potable water service to its customers; and

WHEREAS, District 29 is a Waterworks District formed pursuant to Division 16 of the State of California Water Code, Section 55000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, West Basin Municipal Water District, a municipal water district (hereinafter referred to as West Basin) provides, sells, and delivers water at wholesale to District 29; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a quasi-municipal corporation incorporated under the Metropolitan Water District Act of the State of California (Statutes 1969, Chapter 209 as amended) (hereinafter referred to as MWD) provides, sells, and delivers wholesale water to West Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Sepulveda Feeder Interconnection Project (hereinafter referred to as Project) has the capacity to provide a critical water supply source by means of an interconnection with facilities owned and operated by West Basin and MWD; and

WHEREAS, Project will enhance the reliability of water supply and delivery to customers of District 29 ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55335 of the California Water Code, District 29 has the legal authority to "acquire, construct, and maintain" any works or facilities to establish or maintain any available water sources as accomplished by Project; and

WHEREAS, as a condition to allowing Project, West Basin and MWD require District 29 to pay for certain engineering-related special services; and

WHEREAS, Section 20615(b) of the Public Contract Code provides authority for District 29 to contract for special services pursuant to Section 31000 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 31000 of the Government Code provides authority to the Board of Supervisors to contract, among other things, for special services on behalf of District in engineering matters; and

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy